

REMARKS

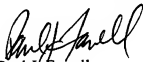
Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1 and 3-20 have been allowed.

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 8, 10-12, 15, 16, 19 and 20. Please add new Claims 21-26. Please cancel Claims 13, 14, 17 and 18, without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

An Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully submitted herewith.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 3-12, 15, 16 and 19-26, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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